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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

SUMMARY

DURING SEPTEMBER 1 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PAK,
I COVERED NUMBER OF PROBLEMS RELATING TO UNGA, PAK'S
TRAVEL PLANS AND PROPOSED EGYPTIAN MEDIATION BETWEEN
NORTH AND SOUTH. END SUMMARY

1. MEETING WITH SECRETARY: PAK SAID HE WILL BE
DEPARTING SEOUL SEPTEMBER 11, ARRIVING NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 13.
HE MUCH APPRECIATES SECRETARY'S WILLINGNESS TO SEE HIM IN
WASHINGTON SUBSEQUENTLY (STATE 212653) AND REQUESTED THAT
MEETING TAKE PLACE, IF POSSIBLE, SEPTEMBER 14. HE EXPLAINED
THAT HE PLANS TO SEE NUMBER OF AMBASSADORS AS WELL AS UN SYG
WALDHEIM WHILE IN NEW YORK AND CONSIDERS IT MOST DESIRABLE
TO COORDINATE VIEWS ON HANDLING UNGA WITH SECRETARY
BEFORE THESE APPOINTMENTS. HE HOPED FOR AS MUCH
ADVANCE NOTICE ON DATE OF MEETING WITH SECRETARY
IN ORDER TO WORK OUT THE REMAINDER OF HIS SCHEDULE.

2. UNGA:

PAK STILL HOLD OUT HOPE THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE
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DEFERMENT OF KOREAN ITEM AT FORTHCOMING UNGA,

PROVIDING GENERAL COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF MEMBERS FAVORABLE TO THIS OBJECTIVE. HE URGED THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO INFLUENCE, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, GENERAL COMMITTEE COMPOSITION TO THIS END. IF WE MOVE IN GENERAL COMMITTEE OF DEFERMENT, HE SUGGESTED THAT PROPOSAL BE PRESENTED BY "NEUTRAL" NON-COSPONSOR OF KOREAN RESOLUTION. ASEAN AND NORDIC SHOULD THEN BE MOBILIZED TO TAKE LEAD IN PLENARY DISCUSSION OF DEFERMENT.

3. PAK REMAINS QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT OUTCOME OF UNGA DEBATE ON KOREA. HE DID RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT RESULTS OF BOTH NAM AND REACTION TO AUGUST 18 INCIDENT ARE DEFINITE PLUSES FOR OUR PROSPECTS IN UNGA.

4. EGYPT MEDIATION: (REF CAIRO 11659)

PAK WAS QUITE FAMILIAR WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY'S EFFORTS TO INTERJECT HIMSELF AS "MEDIATOR" BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. HIS VERSION, HOWEVER, SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT THAN REFTEL. HE SAID THAT ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO FAHMY HAD APPROACHED KIM IL SUNG REGARDING SUCH A ROLE ON THE ALLEGED "SUGGESTION" OF USG. KIM IL SUNG HAD GIVEN HIM ENCOURAGEMENT TO TRY HIS HAND AS MEDIATOR BUT IDEA DROPPED AT THAT TIME. MORE RECENTLY FAHMY HAS NOW APPROACHED ROK, STATING THAT NORTH KOREANS ARE AGREEABLE. PAK HAS INSTRUCTED HIS CONGEN IN CAIRO TO INFORM FAHMY THAT ROK IS NOT REPEAT NOT INTERESTED IN HIS PERFORMING MEDIATOR ROLE. HE POINTED OUT THAT EGYPT HAS CONTINUALLY GIVEN FULL SUPPORT TO NORTH KOREA AND WAS PARTICULARLY ACTIVE AT NAM IN THIS ROLE. ROKG THEREFORE DOES NOT CONSIDER FAHMY SUFFICIENTLY NEUTRAL TO ACT AS MEDIATOR.

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